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3. \_\_\_\_ Cancel in this application original claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
4. \_\_\_\_ A new oath or declaration, new formal drawings and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy is enclosed.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ The undersigned attorney has verified that the applicant is entitled to a Small Entity Status.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --  
This is a \_\_\_\_\_ continuation, \_\_\_\_\_ division, of application serial np.  
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8. **XX** Information Disclosure Statement with PTO 1449 Form;

9. **XX** Priority of U.S. application Serial No. 09/845,549 filed on April 30, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

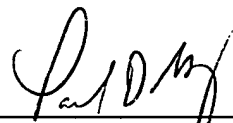
10. **XX** A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application).

12. \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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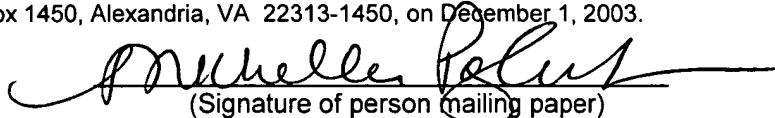
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